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1 many other wonderful attractions in New Mexico; and

2 WHEREAS, most people with disabilities prefer living in a
3 community but may need personal care services, accessibility of
4 the built environment, home modifications, healthy housing,
5 transportation, adequate health insurance and health care and
6 assistive technology to do so; and

7 WHEREAS, the United States supreme court has promoted
8 community living through its *Olmstead* decision, which urges all
9 fifty states to plan for people to live in communities rather
10 than in institutions; and

11 WHEREAS, millions of dollars come into the state to help
12 New Mexicans with disabilities, both young and old, through
13 medicaid and medicare, vocational rehabilitation, housing,
14 education and job training, in-home care and transportation
15 programs; and

16 WHEREAS, these programs need vigilant attention by
17 consumers, advocates and legislators to prevent fragmentation
18 and lack of coordination, to preserve funding and
19 accountability and to promote consumer choice and control in
20 service delivery; and

21 WHEREAS, the legislature has been a longtime supporter of
22 disabled New Mexican citizens and continues to support them and
23 encourage their involvement with the legislature and society;

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
25 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that February 12, 2003 be proclaimed

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1 "Disability Awareness Day" at the legislature in New Mexico;
2 and

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that disability programs, such as
4 the personal care option and working disabled individual
5 programs in medicaid, and the timely receipt of services under
6 the disabled and elderly and developmental disabilities
7 medicaid waivers be supported and that agencies providing
8 services be requested to unite and coordinate more effectively
9 their programs to provide timely, optimal and appropriate
10 services to assist persons with disabilities to live and work
11 independently in their own communities; and

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that legislation that promotes
13 freedom of choice as to who, what, when, where and how services
14 are delivered and legislation that promotes both self-
15 determination and consumer direction of such services be
16 supported; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to each state agency that provides disability
19 programs.